

February 26th Town Meeting

Agenda

7:30 p.m.

Proposed Modification to Special Exception
for SUNOCO at 10625 Connecticut Avenue
to include a variance needed for a
convenience store

Presentation of Proposed Charter Changes

Introduction of Proposed Amendments to
The Telecommunications Ordinance

Vote on the Proposed Massage
Establishments Ordinance

Report from the Traffic Committee

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(it is changing all the time!)

SPARK!

SPARK is a seven year award winning tutoring program for students at Kensington Parkwood Elementary School. The tutoring is free and currently there are 60 children participating throughout the school year. If you are interested in becoming a tutor or need more information, contact them at 301-946-1858.

Coming Attractions at the Kensington Historical Society Meetings

Tuesday, March 13: Bernie Siler will join us to talk about the lesser-known details and interesting facts of the **The Lincoln Assassination** and the surrounding conspiracy.

Tuesday, April 10: Emily Robinson, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, poet and freelance Genealogical Researcher and Lecturer, will Speak on **The History of Genealogy and How to Research Your Family History**. Attendees are requested to bring one piece of information about a family member, such as marriage certificate, photo of a great-great grandfather, or a military discharge paper.

All programs being at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell Street with coffee and cookies. The speakers begin at 7:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Protect our Trees and Plants

Spring will soon be here and citizens should not take it upon themselves to trim our bushes, trees, or other plantings in the parks or rights of way. Some of our azaleas in Flinn Park recently suffered serious damage from someone taking cuttings. Please report any incidents you observe to the Town.

December and January Mayor's Report

Metropolitan Avenue

The Mayor has met several times over the past two months with State Highway Administration representatives. There were still two construction easement agreements that needed to be signed by owners of property fronting on Metropolitan Avenue before the State could move forward with the project. At the conclusion of the meetings the owners were comfortable with the contact and signed off. The project will start by mid March.

The Mayor met with Montgomery County DHCA representatives in December to install the first of several banners on Howard Avenue. In January she had a pre-construction meeting with the contractors and Montgomery County. The Phase II project will begin in

March and be completed in about six months. Phase II is the completion of Howard Avenue starting in front of Prevention of Blindness going east. It includes a major change and enlargement to the park, a kiosk in front of the Allfirst Bank and a clock in front of the train station. Phase II also includes Armory Avenue from the corner of Howard Avenue to Knowles Avenue. Phase II is the most dramatic change to Howard Avenue and will make the most impact to the whole project.

In the spring our Town crew will remove the benches on Howard Avenue and paint them the same green as our light poles and trash receptacles.

Meetings and Events Attended by the Mayor

The Mayor attended two Chamber of Commerce Board meetings.

She met with representatives from MTA to discuss the proposal of a pedestrian tunnel under the railroad tracks.

HPC Hearing for 3902 Washington Street a retroactive permit request, Council Members Bruch, Pfautz and the Mayor attended. The Mayor testified in opposition on behalf of the Town.

The Mayor attended a celebration at the Mormon Temple in recognition of their new Concert Auditorium.

She attended a retirement party in Garrett Park held for Glenda Ingham the Town Clerk-Treasurer for 25 years.

The Mayor attended two Legislative Committee Meetings in Annapolis this month.

The Mayor attended the Maryland Municipal League Board of Directors winter meeting in Annapolis this month.

The Eastern Shore Chapter of MML held their Legislative Dinner Meeting in January. The Mayor attended on behalf of the Legislative Committee.

Montgomery County Chapter of MML held its Legislative Dinner in January. The Mayor, Council Member Pfautz , and Pat McAuley were in attendance.

In December the Mayor attended a Walter Johnson cluster meeting for the principals. She presented an MML 157 book to each of them to put in their school libraries. This book was developed by MML and gives a short history on all 157 municipalities in the state. It's easy to read information on municipal government. The hope is to inform young people about and encourage them to participate in local government. Kensington's portion of the book was authored by Julie O'Malley, Preservation Chairman of the Kensington Historical Society. We thank Julie for her contribution. Julie is another great volunteer in Kensington.

If you would like to purchase a book call the Town office.

The Mayor testified before the Montgomery County Senate Delegation in Annapolis on legislation we submitted pertaining to property located in Historic Districts in Montgomery County. This legislation is being proposed to provide purchasers in the historic district with the rules and regulation before they make the commitment. The legislation will inform the purchaser and thus help to protect the Historic District.

Council Member Bruch's Report

Infrastructure

Council Member Bruch continued to remove illegal signs from utility poles on the Connecticut Avenue and University Blvd. Corridors.

He is sorry to report that someone dumped used motor oil on the creek/storm drain located at St. Paul Street and Farragut Avenue. This is ILLEGAL and the Town will prosecute to the fullest extent of Law. If you see anyone dumping motor oil or solvents into Silver Creek or any storm drain 240-777-DUMP and notify the Town office. It would be helpful if you can provide a vehicle tag number and/or household address.

Building Permits

Shed at 10312 Armory Avenue.

Worksession of Mayor & Council

January 8, 2001

Mayor Raufaste, Council Members Bruch, O'Donnell, Pfautz, and Tucker, Clerk Treasurer McAuley, Director of Public Works Joel, and Code Enforcement Officer Hamilton were present and the following issues were addressed.

The Council postponed any decision on a request for a curb cut on Farragut Avenue west of Connecticut Avenue until there is a resolution concerning the property owner's illegal sign on an easement on Connecticut Avenue.

Council Member Tucker moved to support the Historic Preservation Commission staff report to approve a retroactive Historic Area Work Permit Application for 3800 Washington Street. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring. Pat McAuley will fax a letter to this effect to the HPC in the morning.

The Council concurred that residents on those designated streets be issued one time parking permit with no expiration date. Replacements would be provided at cost. Notice of this change will be printed in the Journal.

The Town will contact District Engineer Charlie Watkins, State Highway Administration, and direct him to install the southbound left turn restrictions on Connecticut Avenue at Washington Street. The Town will request a copy Mr. Watkins' traffic study that indicated left turn movements have not increased since the pedestrian signal has been installed.

Volunteers for a Founders' Day Planning Committee will be recruited in the *Journal*.

The Minutes were reviewed for corrections and additions.

The project list as reviewed and updated.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Council Member O'Donnell moved to close the meeting to discuss a legal issue. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Town Meeting

January 29, 2001

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Raufaste with Council Members Bruch, O'Donnell, and Pfautz and Clerk Treasurer McAuley present. Council Member Tucker was necessarily absent.

Jenny Smith, Chairperson of the Kensington 8K Race, made a presentation of a portion of the race proceeds to "SPARK", a tutorial program at Kensington Parkwood Elementary School. A short video of the program followed.

Kenneth Duggin, Chairman, American Self Storage, made a presentation of the proposed new building at his facility at 3700 Plyers Mill Road.

The Mayor presented an abbreviated report. Complete reports from Town Officials will be printed in the February Town *Journal*.

Council Actions

Council Member O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes as printed in the December/January Town *Journal*. Seconded and passed unanimously.

The Town will forward a letter supporting American Self Storage's Stormwater Management Plans to Montgomery County Permitting Services. American Self Storage's project engineer will draft the letter for the Town's approval and subsequent submittal.

A request for a curb cut on Farragut Avenue west of Connecticut Avenue was tabled until the Town receives a legally binding commitment that the owner would remove the sign.

Council Member Bruch moved to approve Modification to General Parking Restrictions and Residential Parking Areas. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring.

Council Member O'Donnell moved to repeal Section 6-504 of the Town Code, Massage Establishments, and replace it with the proposed new Section 6-504.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McAuley, Clerk Treasurer